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Listing of Claims:

1-49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) A non-toxic, purified peptide consisting of consecutive amino acids having an amino acid sequence set forth in X₂₅X₂₆YGGX₁TX₂X₃X₄X₅N (SEQ ID NO:28) wherein X₁ is V, X₂ is L, X₃ is H, X₄ is E, X₅ is G, X₂₅ is C, and X₂₆ is M (SEQ ID NO:34) wherein X₁ is I or V; X₂ is L, E, K, P, or N; X₃ is H, A, or no amino acid; X₄ is D, N, E, Q, or H; X₅ is N, C, S, or R; X₂₅ is C, Y, or no amino acid; and X₂₆ is M, T, L, I, or no amino acid.

51-63. (Canceled)